

While I am proud that the National Institutes of Health spends almost \$599 million on Alzheimer's disease research, that number seems insignificant in light of the cost of this disease. We must do more to study the causes and risk factors of Alzheimer's and to develop a new way to diagnose the disease, and to develop new methods for treatment and caregiving.

Five years ago, Congress made a commitment to double the budget of the NIH so more money could be invested to find a cure for many diseases, such as Alzheimer's. I have been a longtime proponent of doubling the funding for NIH, and hope we will be able to achieve our goal of doubling the NIH budget in this, the final year of that commitment.

But there are other things Congress can and should do to aid in the fight against Alzheimer's. We must ensure that the individuals who care for people with Alzheimer's have the resources they need to keep their family members at home as long as possible.

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We should pass legislation which allows individuals to deduct their long-term care expenses from their income tax and would help alleviate some of the financial burdens on the family caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. We should pass legislation which would provide respite care for these caregivers. These are just a few steps Congress should take.

I urge the leadership to take up these bills and do everything we can to support the millions of Americans who suffer from Alzheimer's. I would like to close with a quote from Patty Davis's article in *Time* magazine of last week: "Perhaps the next time Members of Congress assemble to decide how much money to set aside for Alzheimer's research, they should be asked to listen to silence differently as if it were a jail sentence. Maybe then we would then look into their hearts and know that if stopping a disease that is stalking so many is not a top priority, maybe we have lost our collective heart as a Nation."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### FREE DEBATE OVER THE WAR WITH IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this morning before we began our legislative business, news rang out from Afghanistan that another car

bomb had taken the lives of many individuals in one of their major cities.

Just a few months ago, we made the decision to ensure that those who committed the horrific act would understand that America takes care of its own. And I voted for that resolution to go after the terrorists. Today, however, I think it is important that the American people be informed on the recent raging debate regarding Iraq.

The best thing about what we are hearing is that this is not a political debate. It is, in fact, a debate of conscience, and a debate that rages among Democrats and Republicans and Independents. It is one that will require America to be informed. And I would simply say to those who may be listening as I bring this issue to the floor that we need to engage the American people and provide them with information. It is imperative that we go home to our congressional districts and have citizen summits so that information can be translated.

But let me begin to enunciate, if you will, what is the conflict and the confusion with such a debate. First of all, it concerns all of us that this debate would be raging in the press with no information that connects the need to investigate or to attack Iraq and reality.

It is interesting that we have noted by Members of the other body that there is no scintilla of evidence that connects at this point Iraq with the horrific acts that occurred in the past year. There is no evidence that Iraq at this point has nuclear weapons. The case has not been made. But we have not said to the American people this is different from Kuwait, when Iraq attacked Kuwait when we had the coalition of Arab allies as well as our allies around the world.

What is not being focused on is the loud and resounding voice of those who oppose even the mere discussion of what is going on, meaning our allies. For those of us who care about our friends around the world, and those in the region like Jordan and Israel, do we even know what the ultimate impact will be on those neighbors?

What is the difference of sending 75 to 100,000 troops and maybe more of our young men and women in this Nation, those U.S. military personnel who we love and respect, who at the drop of a hat will go and fight for our freedom and justice? What is the determination as it relates to them going on soil, foreign soil, where we know that a caged animal such as Saddam Hussein will do anything to survive? Have we told the American people how long and how costly? Have we proposed to the American people a resolution on the devastating economy that we are facing, jobs being lost across this land and people begging us to define an economic policy that will put them back to work, that will give them costly or cost-efficient health care, that will provide for their children going to school? Are we answering the hard questions of protecting their pensions

and 401(k)'s? Are we telling my constituents that we are bringing relief to them? Every day their homes are on the foreclosure list because they have no jobs in Houston, Texas.

Are we letting them know that right now we are paying a billion dollars a month in Afghanistan and we do not know when it will end for the war we are waging there? And we have no endgame to any war with Iraq. One year, 2 years, 20 years, millions and millions and billions of dollars. And have we looked at the Constitution which clearly states that we as a Congress have a right to declare war. The War Powers Resolution of 1973 in its opening language said we are sending this forward because it helps to collaborate and to emphasize the relationship between the Executive and the Congress, and that the Congress has the purse strings and the right to declare war. And if there is need for a preemptive strike to protect this land, the Executive, the Commander in Chief can go in for 60, 90 days without the authority of Congress.

We were together in World War II when we were attacked in Pearl Harbor. We have been together before. But it is important for the American people to be informed. It is important for us to have an agenda, to put the economy first. It is important to ask the question why. What relevance is it? Are we in an imminent attack?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that this debate be long and protracted and that no vote be taken without the American people knowing what is going on. That would be my voice, a continuous voice speaking out against this process and this potential attack without the American people.

#### NEEDED PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL).

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) for yielding to me. And I also really appreciate the fact that he, as the Speaker's designee, will talk on something as important as prescription drugs. Actually, it is a matter that we should have said stayed here during the month of August and worked on. It is a matter that we find our senior citizens missing meals in order to buy their prescriptions. That is something we should just not tolerate in this country.

We have tried everything in the world here on the floor and in our committees and in our visits with one another to solve this problem. We sent two bills over last session. Neither one of them came back from the Senate.

I have a practical solution that I am suggesting to the gentleman from